

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR DEVICE  
ACCESS FAIRNESS IN FIBRE CHANNEL  
ARBITRATED LOOP SYSTEMS

Examiner: Venkatesh N. Haliyur

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 29, 2008, for which a response is due on December 1, 2008, the next succeeding business day following November 29, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein. There are no amendments to the drawings.

**A complete listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.